

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 548

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Cidnie Fernandez upon being selected the 2023 Boys & Girls Clubs of Tennessee State Youth of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community and state leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such deserving person is Cidnie Fernandez, who was recently named the 2023 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Club of Tennessee, a most befitting honor that recognizes her leadership, community service, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Boys & Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains, Cidnie is a senior at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School; and

WHEREAS, at the State Youth of the Year Celebration event in Nashville, Cidnie was presented with a college scholarship; she plans to attend college in Florida and pursue a career in pediatric nursing; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs exist to serve youth and provide a safe place of encouragement, character building, security, and love for children; and

WHEREAS, since 1947, the Youth of the Year honor has been the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program, celebrating the extraordinary achievements of Club members; and

WHEREAS, Youth of the Year participants such as Cidnie exemplify the critical impact of Boys & Girls Clubs on the lives of young people, embodying the values of leadership, service, academic excellence, and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, through the Youth of the Year program, Cidnie and other Youth of the Year participants are able to showcase their talents and achievements, share their hopes and dreams, and work toward a bright and positive future; and

WHEREAS, Cidnie is a shining example that GREAT FUTURES START HERE – at Boys & Girls Clubs; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people such as Cidnie Fernandez, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and who should be specially recognized for their public and community service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Cidnie Fernandez upon being named the 2023 Tennessee State Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year. We extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.